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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: Visit from ORD**

1. I was visited yesterday by Mr. James V. Hirsch, Director, ORD and [] who wished to discuss the nth country proliferation problem. Their interest in the subject had been stimulated by our post-mortem report on the Indian nuclear explosion and by that report's call, inter alia, for a new approach to nth country analytical problems.

2. Mr. Hirsch said he wanted our views concerning the desirability of ORD's investigating a new way to handle data on individual nth countries. Essentially Hirsch indicated the new way he had in mind would be based on an ARPA/RCA system which develops patterns of unusualness associated with the Soviet strategic warning problem. Precisely how this would be applied to the nth country question is not all that clear to me, but any proposal which holds some promise of helping both analysts and collectors, and which is a follow-on to our post-mortem, earns my support. [] who was present at the meeting, concurs.

3. Another plus: After initial ORD investigation, and assuming the results of that investigation were encouraging, the project would probably be passed on to the new analytical research center which we are helping to fund.

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